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SUBJECT: TUNA BOAT LICENSES

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1. WILSON AROYO,
CHIEF OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR FISHING
WAS QUITE WILLING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUESTED WHEN
ASKED BY COMMERCIAL OFFICER SCHRAGE; HOWEVER WHEN PRE-
PARED AND REQUESTED AUTHORIZE RELEASE BY SECRETARY, ARROYO
REFUSED TO RELEASE SAYING LICENSE NUMBERS AND DATES OF
LICENSES SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN US. HOWEVER SECRETARY
PRESENT WHEN HE INITIALLY PROMISED IT, SO SHE RELEASED IT
TO US ON OWN RESPONSIBILITY AND WITH UNDERSTAND-
ING, OF COURSE, WE WOULD NOT "SPILL THE BEANS." WE WOULD
PROBABLY STILL BE AWAITING DATA IF IT WERE LEFT TO ARROYO.
THUS NEED TO PROTECT SECRETARY. WE FEEL SECRETARY REAL
ALLY SINCE SHE ALSO MOST HELPFUL DURING LAST "TUNA WAR"
CRISIS AND ON OTHER FISHERIES MATTERS IN THE PAST.

2. WE WILL UNDERTAKE CONVINCE ARROYO FULL DATA MOST
USEFUL AND IN HIS INTEREST
GIVE IT TO US, THAT NO STATE
SECRETS INVOLVED. WE WILL ATTEMPT GET WEEKLY UPDATE.
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ALSO WILL ATTEMPT GET SOME DATA ON OTHER FOREIGN VESSELS

AT LEAST AS TO NUMBERS AND NATIONLITIES WHICH HAVE APPLIED
FOR MATRICULAS AND LICENSES. HOWEVER, ARROYO WELL KNOWN
FOR SUPER CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO MATTERS LIKE THIS AND FOR
DOING THINGS "BY THE BOOK." GETTING HIS O.K. MAY NOT BE
EASY.

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